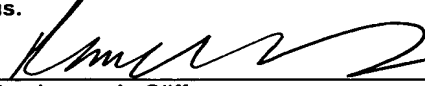


FORM PTO-1390 (REV. 01-2003)		US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE	
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 125284	
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/018673		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE December 8, 2004	
TITLE OF INVENTION VARIABLE VALVE MECHANISM		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED December 18, 2003	
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Toshiaki ASADA; Shuichi EZAKI; Manabu TATENO			
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:			
1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.			
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.			
3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.			
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).			
5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))			
a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).			
b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.			
c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).			
6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))			
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b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
c. <input type="checkbox"/> The International Application was filed in English.			
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))			
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c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.			
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8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).			
9. <input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).			
10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).			
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>			
11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.			
12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.			
13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.			
14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.			
15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.			
16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.			
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18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).			
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20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FILING RECEIPT STATUS REQUEST			

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Sir:

The above-captioned patent application entered the National Phase on October 14, 2005. The 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements were completed on October 14, 2005.

The original Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt have not yet been received. It is respectfully requested that the original Notification of Acceptance and Filing Receipt be immediately forwarded to the attorneys of record at the address set forth below.

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